

Thursday, April 21, 1927

The Senate convened at 11:00 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President; Senators Caro, Cobb, Dell, Edge, Etheredge, Gary, Gillis, Glynn, Hale, Harrison, Hinely, Hodges, Jennings, Knight, McCall, Malone, Mitchell, Overstreet, Parrish, Phillips, Putnam, Rowe, Scales, Singletary, Smith, Stewart, Swearingen, Taylor (11th Dist.), Taylor (1st Dist.), Turnbull, Turner, Wagg, Walker, Watson, Waybright, Whitaker—37.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The daily Journal of April 20th was corrected, and as corrected was approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Mr. Edge, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 20, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred, after 3rd reading—

Senate Bill No. 42:

A bill to be entitled An Act to permit and provide for

the recording of certified copies of deeds, mortgages and other instruments in the Public Records in Counties other than the County of original record and to prescribe the effect thereof.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 39:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 11000, Laws of Florida, being An Act entitled "An Act creating and constituting a Special Road and Bridge District in Palm Beach County, Florida, known and designated as Cross-State Highway Bridge District; providing for a Board of Supervisors of said District; authorizing the construction of roads and bridges in said district and providing for a Board of Supervisors to enter into contract therefor; authorizing and making provision for levy and collection of a tax for maintenance of such Roads and Bridges and to pay any bond issue of such roads and bridge district and, etc., etc.

Have carefully examined the same and find same correctly engrossed and herewith return the engrossed bills, together with the original bill and the amendment thereto.

Very respectfully,

L. D. EDGE,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 42 and 39, contained in the above report, were ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Edge, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred, after second reading—

Senate Bill No. 11:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the entry of

deficiency decrees in suits to foreclose mortgages; to provide for the procedure in obtaining deficiency decrees in equity and judgments for deficiencies in common law actions, to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act and to provide when this Act shall take effect.

Also (after third reading)—

Senate Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled An Act fixing the salaries of Circuit Judges.

Have carefully examined the same and find same correctly engrossed and herewith return the bills, together with the original bill and the amendment thereto.

Very respectfully,

L. D. EDGE,

Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 11, contained in the above report, was placed in its order upon the Calendar of Bills on the Third Reading.

And Senate Bill No. 18, contained in the above report, was ordered to be certified as having passed to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Turnbull, of 22nd Dist, Chairman of the Committee on Roads and Highways, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 13:

A bill to be entitled An Act to require every person driving any motor vehicle on a public highway on approaching railroad crossings to stop, look and listen before passing thereover.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

THEO. T. TURNBULL,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 13, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Etheredge, of 27th District, Chairman of the Committee on Drainage, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Drainage, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 169:

A bill to be entitled An Act relating to Everglades Drainage District, in the State of Florida; providing for the appointment of a Board of Commissioners thereof and defining the powers and prescribing the functions of such Board; establishing Drainage Court of Everglades Drainage District and prescribing its duties and functions; providing for the appointment of a Board of Appraisers of Everglades Drainage District and defining the duties and prescribing the powers of such appraisers; providing for an appraisal of benefits and damages to lands affected within and without said district; providing for the levying of special assessments upon lands within said district and for the collection thereof, and the sale of lands to enforce collection of such assessments; to authorize the Board of Commissioners of said district to borrow money and to issue bonds and dispose of the same, to procure money to carry out the provisions of this Act; providing for the preparation and execution of an official plan for Everglades Drainage District; defining the relations between Everglades Drainage District and Sub-Districts; to prevent injury to any works constructed under this Act, and to prescribe a penalty for violation of such provisions; providing for the payment of the present outstanding obligations of Everglades Drainage District; amending Section 1161, Revised General Statutes of Florida, and amending Section 1164, Revised General Statutes of Florida, as amended by Chapter 10026, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1925, repealing Sections 1177, 1179, 1180, 1181, and

1186, Revised General Statutes of Florida, and all acts in conflict herewith.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

E. J. ETHEREDGE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 169, contained in the above report, was laid on the table under the rules.

Mr. Malone, of 24th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary C, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary C, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 88:

A bill to be entitled An Act to fix and determine the compensation and remuneration of all County officials in the State of Florida, now paid in whole or in part by fees, commission, or by one or more of said methods of payment; to require reports by said officials; to provide for the duty of the Board of County Commissioners in reference thereto; to provide for the distribution of moneys collected hereunder; and to provide for the auditing of the accounts of said officers; to provide a minimum compensation of certain officials and the manner of payment thereof.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. MALONE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 88, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Malone, of 24th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary C, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary C, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 173:

A bill to be entitled An Act defining and fixing the territorial limits and boundaries of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit; creating the 27th Judicial Circuit; providing for a Circuit Judge and State Attorney in the 27th Judicial Circuit and fixing their compensation; providing and fixing the time for the holding the terms of the Circuit Court in said Circuits; and further covering the effect of this bill upon pending litigation.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. MALONE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 173, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Wagg, of Thirty-fifth District, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred:

House Bill No. 49:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing for the amendment of Charter of Corporations Not for Profit under the Laws of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

A. H. WAGG,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 49, contained in the above report, was laid on the table under the rule.

Mr. Malone, of 24th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary C, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary C, to whom was referred—Senate Bill No. 113:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections Ten (10) and Twelve (12) of Chapter 10207 of the Laws of Florida, 1925, relating to the examination, licensing and regulation of persons engaged in the business of plumbing or house drainage.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend a bill, with the following title, as a substitute therefor:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections Seven (7), Ten (10) and Twelve (12) of Chapter 10207 of the Laws of Florida, 1925, relating to the examination, licensing and regulation of persons engaged in the business of plumbing or house drainage.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. MALONE,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 113, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

Mr. Parrish of 37th District, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Game and Fisheries, and Mr. Ezell of Nassau, Chairman of House Committee, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 20, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

And
Hon. Fred. H. Davis,
Speaker of the Houset of Representatives.

Sirs:

Your Joint Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred:

Senate Bill No. 27 and House Bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled An Act to protect and regulate the salt water fishing industry in the State of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that neither bills do not pass as presented to the Senate.

And offer the following Committee Substitute Bill to Senate Bill No. 27 and House Bill No. 15 and recommend the passage of the attached Substitute.

Very respectfully,

J. J. PARRISH,
H. L. EZELL,
Chairmen of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 27 and House Bill No. 15, with the offered Committee Substitute therefor, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second Reading.

REPORTS OF ENROLLING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hinely, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 147) :

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, to issue negotiable bonds of said County in an amount not exceeding Seventy-five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of paying or refunding a like amount of time warrants heretofore issued by said County to pay the cost of construction, reconstructing or making an addition to the County Court House and Jail, authorizing the sale of said bonds or the exchange thereof for said Time Warrants and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on said bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 255) :

An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Tallahassee, being Chapter 8374, of the Law of Florida, entitled: "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the City of Tallahassee, in the County of Leon, in the State of Florida, and to create, establish and organize a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Tallahassee, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its government, jurisdiction, powers, franchises and privileges"; which was approved by the Governor, June 9, 1919, and ratified by a majority vote of the qualified electors of said City of Tallahassee at a special election held in said City on the 4th day of November, A. D. 1919, as the same was amended by Chapter 11257, of the Laws of Florida, approved May 23, 1925.

Also—

(House Bill No. 254) :

An Act to legalize, validate and confirm an election held in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1926, to determine the questions whether

the City of Tallahassee, Florida, should issue bonds aggregating the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars in conformity with a certain ordinance passed by the City Commission of said City of Tallahassee, Florida, entitled: "An Ordinance to provide for the issue and sale by the City of Tallahassee of negotiable interest-bearing bonds of said city for the purpose of effecting sundry municipal improvements," duly passed by said City Commission on the 26th day of October, A. D. 1926; to authorize the issuance of said bonds and to legalize, validate and confirm all proceedings had in connection therewith or relating thereto.

Also—

(House Bill No. 228):

An Act to abolish the present municipal government of Fort Ogden, DeSoto County, Florida, and to organize a new city government for the same and to provide for its jurisdiction and powers.

Also—

(House Bill No. 43):

An Act validating and confirming the Ordinance passed by the City Council of Millville, a municipal corporation of Bay County, Florida, at its meeting held on March 3, 1926, entitled: "An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor and Clerk to convey the Electric Lighting System of Millville to Gulf Power Company, a corporation under the Laws of the State of Maine, its successors and assigns," and the deed of conveyance, dated March 9, 1926, from Millville to Gulf Power Company, its successors and assigns, in pursuance of said Ordinance, and all acts and proceedings of the City Council and Officers had with reference thereto, and declaring the said Ordinance and Deed to have conveyed to Gulf Power Company, its successors and assigns, the property described therein.

Also—

(House Bill No. 42):

An Act validating and confirming the ordinances passed by the City Commissioners of the City of Lynn Haven, Florida, at their meeting held on March 3, 1926, entitled "An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Lynn Haven, Florida, to convey the electric lighting system of the city to Gulf

Power Company, a corporation under the Laws of the State of Maine, its successors and assigns," and the deed of conveyance made by the City of Lynn Haven, Florida, to Gulf Power Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, dated April 10, 1926, in pursuance of said ordinance, and all Acts and proceedings of the City Commissioners and officers had with reference thereto, and declaring the said ordinance and deed to have conveyed to Gulf Power Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, the property described therein.

Also—

(House Bill No. 44):

An Act validating and confirming the ordinance passed by the City Commissioners of the City of Lynn Haven, Florida, at their meeting held on March 2, 1926, entitled "An ordinance granting an electric franchise to Houston Power Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, in the City of Lynn Haven, Florida," and all acts and proceedings of the City Commissioners and officers had with reference thereto and confirming and vesting in Gulf Power Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, the rights, benefits, authority, easements, privileges and franchises granted by said ordinance.

Have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

The same having been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, we herewith present the same for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

S. A. HINELY,
Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled
Bills on the Part of the Senate.

The Bills contained in the above report were thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate in open session and ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate, to be conveyed to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Hinely, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 20, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 55):

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 8290, Special Acts of 1919, Laws of Florida, in relation to the boundaries of the municipality of Key West.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 131):

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 10074 being an Act to Amend Section 6 of Chapter 9356, establishing a Criminal Court of Record in Polk County, Florida; said Section 1 relating to the salary of the Judge of said Court.

Also—

(Senate Bill No. 23):

An Act authorizing the Town of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, a municipal corporation, by appropriate ordinance, to vest in the Town Clerk the duties and powers heretofore vested in the Town Marshal as Tax Collector in and for said town.

Have examined the same and find them correctly enrolled.

The same having been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, we herewith present the same for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

S. A. HINELY,
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Mr. Hinely, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred—

(Senate Bill No. 184):

An Act to amend Sections 9, 10 and 140, of Chapter 8993, Acts of 1921, Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the City of Lake City, in the County of Columbia, in the State of Florida, and to create, establish and organize a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Lake City, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its government, jurisdiction, powers, franchises and privileges."

Have examined the same and find it correctly enrolled.

The same having been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, we herewith present the same for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

S. A. HINELY,

Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills
on the Part of the Senate.

The Bill contained in the above report, was thereupon duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate in open session and ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the part of the Senate, to be conveyed to the Governor for his approval.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Swearingen—

Senate Bill No. 203 A:

A bill to be entitled An Act prescribing what shall constitute and be "the great seal of the State of Florida," same being as prescribed by joint resolution of the Legislature of 1868, approved August 6th, 1868; to prohibit the use of said seal and imprints or pictures thereof, and prescribing penalties for violation thereof.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary "A".

By Senator Swearingen—

Senate Bill No. 204:

A bill to be entitled An Act directing the manner in which the clerks of the Circuit Courts of the respective counties of the State of Florida shall dispose of all moneys and interest thereon paid them on tax sale certificates upon the redemption of said certificates.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary "A".

By Senator Malone—

Senate Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 10175 of the Laws of Florida approved June Twelfth, nineteen hundred and twenty-five entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a State Board of Law Examiners, and prescribe their powers and duties, including the authority to prescribe rules of professional conduct and ethics in their practice; and to make investigations as to any immoral or sharp practice or other unprofessional conduct and report the same to the State's Attorney of the Circuit Court for investigation; and provide for the maintenance of said Board and the expenses of conducting its business, from fees to be collected for admission certificates, and additional sources when necessary; and to provide penalties for violation of the provisions of this Act.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary "C".

By Senator Malone—

Senate Bill No. 206:

A bill to be entitled An Act to designate and maintain a certain State Road and to complete a portion thereof.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

By Senator Turner—

Senate Bill No. 207:

A bill to be entitled An Act enlarging the powers of the Bureau of Vital Statistics; providing for the registration with said Bureau of marriages and divorces and the method thereof; the imposition and distribution of a charge therefor; and imposing of certain duties and obligations upon the several county Judges of the State of Florida, and remuneration therefor.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Hodges—

Senate Bill No. 208:

A bill to be entitled An Act with respect to supersedas bonds.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary "A".

By Senator Hodges—

Senate Bill No. 209:

A bill to be entitled An Act with respect to bills of exception.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary "A".

By Senator Waybright—

Senate Bill No. 210:

A bill to be entitled An Act to regulate the installation of electrical wiring, apparatus and equipment, for lights, heat or power, in the State of Florida, for the better protection of life and property, to provide for a Board of Wiring Commissioners, and to define the duties and powers of said Board, and to provide for examination, licensing and registration of all persons engaged in the trade or business of electrical construction in the State of Florida;

creating the office of State Electrical Inspector, and fixing the Compensation of such officer, and imposing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Legislation.

By Senator Anderson—
Senate Bill No. 211:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing for the location of State Road No. 67, and providing that such road when located and constructed shall become and be the property of the State of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Roads and Highway Department.

By Senator Watson—
Senate Bill No. 212:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, Florida, to issue and sell interest bearing bonds of said county for the purpose of paying for the construction and equipment of the Dade County Court House and Jail, and other expenses necessarily incidental thereto, and providing for the assessment and collection of a fund with which to pay said bonds, and the interest thereon.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Senator Watson—
Senate Bill No. 213:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and empowering County Commissioners having a population of not less than one hundred eleven thousand (111,000) and not more than one hundred twelve thousand (112,000) inhabitants, according to the census of 1925 taken by the State of Florida, to enter into a contract with attorneys-at-law to collect amounts due on bonds in criminal matters estreated by Courts sitting in said counties.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Senator Watson—

Senate Bill No. 214:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the publication of Resolutions adopted by the Several Boards of County Commissioners of the State of Florida, determining the necessity of the issuance of County Bonds and for the publication of notice of election to determine the question of the issue of County bonds.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary A.

By Senator Watson—

Senate Bill No. 215:

A bill to be entitled An Act to prohibit the running or roaming at large of live stock in any counties of this State which had a population of not less than one hundred eleven Thousand (111,000) and more than one hundred twelve thousand (112,000) according to the census of 1925 taken by the State of Florida; to provide penalties for violation of this Act, and to provide that owners of property damaged or destroyed by live stock running or roaming at large may recover damages for such injury or destruction.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Senator Watson—

Senate Bill No. 216:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for one additional Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida; and to regulate the dispatch of business in said Circuit after such appointment; and to make an appropriation to pay the salary of such additional Circuit Judge.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary "B."

By Senator Watson—

Senate Bill No. 217:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Dade County, Florida, to pay the secretarial expenses of the Judges of the Circuit Court, and Criminal and Civil Courts of Record, holding courts in said county.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Senator Watson—
Senate Bill No. 218:

A bill to be entitled An Act providing for the employment and dismissal by the County Commissioners of Dade County, Florida, of persons to be known as Road Inspectors, for the protection of the State and County Roads in said county, and prescribing their duties, their compensation and their official authority.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Senator Taylor (31st Dist.)—
Senate Bill No. 219:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Governor of Florida to receive from the Secretary of War, certain moneys described by the War Department as "other funds," and to distribute them for the benefit of the National Guard of this State.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Senator Waybright—
Senate Bill No. 220:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 6266 and 6267 Revised General Statutes of Florida, 1920, relating to the Chaplain of Convicts at the State Prison, and providing for the employment, residence, duties and salary for such Chaplain.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Prisons and Convicts.

By Senator Edge—
Senate Bill No. 221:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide a limitation of the time within which a purchaser of a tax sale certificate may apply for a tax deed based thereon; providing that purchasers of tax sale certificates heretofore issued shall have six months in which to comply with the provisions of this Act; and providing that tax sale certificates more than ten years old shall be null and void.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Edge—
Senate Bill No. 222:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 14 and 15 of Chapter 11620 of the Acts of the Legislature of the Extraordinary Session of 1925, the same being an Act to organize, incorporate and establish the municipality of the Town of Mineola, in Lake County, Florida; to fix its territorial limits and to provide for its government.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Senator Edge—
Senate Bill No. 223:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing and empowering the Town of Groveland, Lake County, Florida, to issue and sell refunding bonds in an amount not exceeding the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the said town and interest thereon; the proceeds from the sale of such bonds to be used for the purpose of paying the bonded indebtedness of the said town and interest thereon; providing for the payment of street assessments into a fund to create a sinking fund for the payment of the principal and interest of the refunding bonds; and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax on all taxable property in the said town for the purpose of paying the principal and interest of the refunding bonds; and providing for the appointment of a board of bond trustees of the Town of Groveland, Florida, and stating their duties.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Senator Edge—
Senate Bill No. 224:

A bill to be entitled An Act to prohibit the recording of contracts and agreements for the purchase or sale of real estate unless such contracts and agreements have been acknowledged by the vendors in the manner provided by law for the acknowledgment of deeds; to prohibit the recording of assignments or contracts and agreements unless

the original contract or agreement is entitled to be recorded; to prohibit the recording of contracts and agreements which are executed by an agent or attorney in fact, unless the authority for the execution thereof is produced and recorded at the same time, or is already of record in the County where such contract or agreement is sought to be recorded.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

By Senator Edge—
Senate Bill No. 224A:

A bill to be entitled An Act giving and granting to the Town of Mineola the submerged lands within the corporate limits of the said town.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

By Senator Edge—
Senate Bill No. 225:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the Town of Groveland, Florida, to conduct tax sales under the provisions of the General Laws of the State, in addition to the methods provided in the Charter of the said town; and providing for the foreclosure of tax certificates held by the town which are more than two years old, in the manner provided by the Charter of the said town for foreclosure of Tax Leins.

Which was read the first time by its title.

And the bill was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading without reference.

Mr. Taylor (11th Dist.) moved to waive the rules and that the Senate do now take up and consider Senate Bill No. 142.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And—
Senate Bill No. 142:

A bill to be entitled An Act to define the boundaries of St. Petersburg Special Road and Bridge District No. 13 of Pinellas County, Florida, and validate and confirm the creation of said district and the issuance of bonds of and for the same and the levy of taxes for the payment of said

bonds and interest thereon, and authorizing additional bonds of and for said district and the levy of taxes for the payment of same, together with interest thereon

Was taken up out of its order and placed before the Senate.

Mr. Taylor (11th Dist.) moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 142 be read the second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 142, with title above stated, was read the second time by its title only.

Mr. Taylor (11th Dist.) moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 142 be read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

And Senate Bill No. 142, with title above stated, was read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President; Senators Caro, Cobb, Dell, Edge, Etheredge, Gary, Gillis, Glynn, Hale, Harrison, Hinely, Hodges, Jennings, Knight, McCall, Malone, Mitchell, Overstreet, Parrish, Phillips, Putnam, Rowe, Scales, Singletary, Smith, Stewart, Swearingen, Taylor (11th Dist.), Taylor (31st Dist.), Turnbull, Turner, Wagg, Walker, Watson, Waybright, Whitaker—37.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives immediately, the rule having been waived.

REPORTS OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Mr. Hinely, of 17th District, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 20, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 144) :

An Act creating the Myrtle Creek Drainage District in DeSoto County, Florida, providing for said district to proceed with the drainage and reclamation of the lands embodied in said district under the provision of Section 1098 Seq.: The same being Article One, Chapter Three of Division One, Title Seven, of the Revised General Statutes of Florida of 1920, and Acts amendatory thereto, and making applicable to said Drainage Districts said laws, and providing for the appointment of three supervisors to hold office until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Also—

(House Bill No. 91) :

An Act fixing, prescribing and regulating the collection of drainage taxes in all special, or sub-drainage districts in Glades County, Florida, and fixing the amount of fees allowed for such collection.

Also—

(House Bill No. 96) :

An Act providing and fixing the territories and boundaries of the Seventh Judicial Circuit; creating the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit; providing for a Circuit Judge and State's Attorney in the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit and providing and fixing the time for holding of the terms of Circuit Court in the said Twenty-third Circuit and the effect upon pending litigation; and to make appropriations for the payment of salaries of the Judge and State's Attorney.

Also—

(House Bill No. 319):

An Act authorizing the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Hillsborough, State of Florida, to borrow money for the exclusive use of the Public Free Schools of any Special Tax School District within said county, against and payable out of the proceeds of the district school taxes of such district.

Also—

(House Concurrent Resolution No. 8):

Petitioning our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use every honorable means to amend the Income Tax Law of the United States to the end that a substantial reduction of the tax on incomes be made.

Also—

(House Bill No. 157):

An Act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Fellemere Drainage District, in Indian River County, Florida, to levy a uniform maintenance tax upon the taxable lands of said district.

Also—

(House Bill No. 156):

An Act validating the creation, establishment and organization of Sebastian River Drainage District in Indian River County, Florida, and authorizing the issuance of negotiable interest-bearing notes of said drainage district in an amount not exceeding \$50,000 for the purpose of paying current expenses and indebtedness incurred in the administration and operation of said district.

Beg leave to report that the same have this day been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

S. A. HINELY,

Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills
on the Part of Senate.

Mr. S. A. Hinely of 17th District, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 20, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred:

(House Bill No. 68):

An Act to authorize and empower the City of Kissimmee, a municipal corporation, of the County of Osceola, State of Florida, when approved and ratified by a majority of the qualified electors of the City of Kissimmee participating in an election called and held for that purpose, to sell its electric generating plant and distribution system, including all engines and power plant apparatus, all wires, meters, poles, transformers, white way and street lighting equipment, electric stores and supplies now owned and used by the City for the generating and distribution of electricity; to provide for an election to be held in the City of Kissimmee, the manner of giving notice of said election, and for the transfer and delivery of said property in the event the same is ratified and approved by the qualified electors.

Also—

(House Bill No. 84):

An Act abolishing the office of bond trustees in Glades County, Florida.

Also—

(House Bill No. 85):

An Act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Glades, Florida, to issue negotiable bonds of said County in an amount not exceeding \$50,000 for the purpose of completing the construction and equipment of the Court House now under construction in said county and to provide for the payment of principal and interest of said bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 47) :

An Act to repeal Chapter 8665 Laws of Florida adopted by the Legislature of Florida at its regular session 1921, entitled an Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County to employ an Auditor to audit the accounts of matters subject to the jurisdiction of said Board and to fix his salary.

Also—

(House Bill No. 60) :

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County, Florida, to issue bonds for and upon behalf of Special Road and Bridge District Number Six of said county in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars, to provide the rate of interest said bonds shall bear, the method of sale of said bonds, and the purpose for which the proceeds shall be expended ; and to authorize the levy and collection of a tax for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 62) :

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County, Florida, to issue county bonds of said county in the sum of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars, to provide the rate of interest of said bonds, the method of sale of said bonds, and the purpose for which the proceeds shall be expended ; and to authorize the levy and collection of a tax for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 66) :

An Act to authorize and empower the City Council of the City of Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida, to construct storm drains, sanitary sewer, and a White Way lighting system, and to defray the cost thereof wholly or in part by special assessment against specially benefited property and authorize the issuance and sale of bonds of said municipality in connection with said improvements, said bond to be general obligation of the municipality.

Also—

(House Bill No. 65) :

An Act to authorize the Town Council of the Town of

Bowling Green, Hardee County, Florida, or its successors, to issue bonds in a sum not to exceed Thirty-five Thousand Dollars, the proceeds thereof to be placed in the bond sinking fund of said town for the retirement of bonds presently to become due, and to provide the rate of interest said bonds shall bear, and to authorize the levy and collection of a tax for the payment of principal and interest of said bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 203) :

An Act validating the creation and organization of Slavia Drainage District of Seminole County, Florida, by the Circuit Court of Seminole County, Florida, and all acts of said District and its term of existence and validating all ments of taxes by said District and defining the Boundaries of said District and its term of existence and validating all decrees of the Circuit Court of Seminole County affecting said District heretofore entered and authorizing said Slavia Drainage District to issue bonds for the purpose of said District.

Also—

(House Bill No. 61) :

An Act to validate and confirm an issue of thirty-four thousand dollars street improvement bonds of the City of Wauchula, Florida; to provide for the sale thereof, and to provide for the levy and collection of a tax to pay the principal and interest thereof.

Also—

(House Bill No. 64) :

An Act to authorize the town council of the Town of Bowling Green, Hardee County, Florida, or its successors, to issue bonds in a sum not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars, the proceeds thereof to be used to pay for the site upon which the municipal building of said town is located, to pay the cost of completion of municipal building and to pay for the furniture for the municipal building in said Town, and to provide the rate of interest said bonds shall bear and to authorize the levy and collection of a tax for payment of the principal and interest of said bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 56) :

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County, Florida, to issue and sell bonds in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars for and upon behalf of Special Road and Bridge District No. 2 of said County; to provide for the rate of interest said bonds shall bear, the method of sale of said bonds, and how the proceeds shall be expended; and to authorize the levy and collection of a tax for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 63) :

An Act to authorize the City Council of the City of Wauchula, Hardee County, Florida, to issue and sell bonds in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars, the proceeds thereof to be placed in the bond sinking fund of said City for the retirement of bonds presently to become due, to provide the rate of interest said bonds shall bear, and to authorize the levy and collection of a tax for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 57) :

An Act to authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Hardee County, Florida, to issue and sell bonds in a sum not to exceed seventy thousand dollars for and upon behalf of Special Road and Bridge District Number Three of said county; to provide the rate of interest said bonds shall bear, the method of sale of said bonds, and how the proceeds shall be expended; and to authorize the levy and collection of a tax for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds.

Also—

(House Bill No. 71) :

An Act to legalize and validate Ordinance No. 39 of the City of Stuart, Martin County, Florida, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the issuance of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) of bonds of the City of Stuart, Florida, for the purpose of installing and maintaining fire alarm system of said city; for the issuance of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) of the bonds of

the City of Stuart, for the purpose of erecting city building to include jail and fire hall in said city; for the issuance of Twenty-three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000.00) of bonds of the City of Stuart, for the purpose of installing and maintaining fire mains and plugs in said city; for the issuance of Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) of bonds of the City of Stuart, for the purpose of installing and maintaining a system of sewerage in said city; for the issuance of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) of bonds of the City of Stuart, for the purpose of constructing bridges on Fourth street, Belle Flora avenue and Pinewood street in said city; for the issuance of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) of bonds of the City of Stuart, for the purpose of installing and maintaining additional white way lighting system in said city; creating an interest and sinking fund for the payment of the interest and principal of said bonds; providing that the City Commission shall receive, hold, disburse and invest such interest and sinking fund; and prescribing the form of such bonds," passed by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Stuart, Florida, on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1927, and on that day attested by the City Clerk and approved by the Mayor Commissioner of the said City of Stuart; and to legalize and validate the special election held on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1927, by the qualified electors of the said city under the ordinances of said city; and to legalize and make valid any and all bonds issued or which may be hereafter issued by the said City of Stuart in pursuance to this Act and under Ordinance No. 39 and the proceedings and resolutions of the Board of Commissioners of the said City of Stuart, Florida; and to authorize and empower the Board of Commissioners of Stuart, Florida, to fix, change, alter or extend the date or dates of maturity of said bonds to be issued under Ordinance No. 39 of said city.

Also—

(House Bill No. 135):

An Act authorizing, empowering and directing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to execute and deliver, for the benefit of the cities of Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood a satisfaction of a certain mortgage held by said trustees upon certain lands in Broward County, Florida, and fixing the conditions upon which said satisfaction shall be executed and delivered.

Beg leave to report that the same has this day been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

S. A. HINELY,
(Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills
on the Part of Senate.

Mr. S. A. Hinely, of the 17th District, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills on the Part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 20, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

(House Bill No. 337):

An Act to validate three hundred and thirty-one thousand dollars (\$331,000) local improvement bonds of the City of Orlando, Florida, including the proceedings to authorize the issuance of said bonds and the proceedings for the levy of special assessments for their payment, and declaring said bonds to constitute valid and legally binding obligations of said city of Orlando, Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same has this day been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

S. A. HINELY,
Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled
Bills on the Part of the Senate.

CONSIDERATION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 7:

Was taken up in its order, and, upon motion, further consideration of the same was temporarily passed over.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 19, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 6:

A bill to be entitled An Act prohibiting State or County Officers whose compensation in whole or in part is paid by fees and commissions from making overcharges and prescribing penalties therefor.

Also—

House Bill No. 89:

A bill to be entitled An Act creating a State Auditing Department; providing for the appointment of a State Auditor and six assistant auditors; prescribing their duties and powers and fixing their compensation; prescribing the duties of State and County officers with reference to the auditing of their offices and books; prescribing penalties for violation of provisions hereof; giving to the Governor certain authority and supervision over the auditors and auditing Department; to provide for emergency auditors; making appropriations to carry out the provisions of this Act; and to repeal Chapter 8404, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1921.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bills Nos. 6 and 89, as contained in the above message, were read the first time by their titles in their

respective order, and were referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 20, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 190:

A bill to be entitled An Act abolishing the Caloosahatchee Improvement District and repealing Chapter 10437, Acts of 1925, Laws of Florida, entitled "An Act to establish Caloosahatchee Improvement District in this State and define its boundaries; to create a Board of Commissioners for said district and to define its powers; authorizing the improvement of the Caloosahatchee River and other natural waterways, the construction of canals, dikes, drains, reservoirs and other works for the reclamation, improvement and benefit of the lands and other property embraced in said district, and to levy assessments of taxes upon the lands and other property embraced in said district and to provide for the collection of the same, and to enforce the collection of such assessments; and to authorize the Board of Commissioners of said district to borrow money and to issue bonds and dispose of the same to procure money to carry out the provisions of this Act; to prevent injury to any works constructed under this Act and to provide a penalty for violating such provisions."

Also—

House Bill No. 114:

A bill to be entitled An Act granting pension to John Irvin of Okaloosa County, Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 190, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Drainage.

And House Bill No. 114, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 20, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 381:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the issuance and sale of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) worth of interest bearing bonds by Union County, Florida, for the purpose of hard-surfacing State Roads number forty-nine and fifty-six in Union County; to provide for the payment of the interest and final redemption of said bonds.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 381, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 20, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of five, two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House of Representatives, be appointed to fully investigate this most important matter with a view of finding ways and means of providing better and more equal educational opportunities to every white child in the State, and report their findings and recommendations back to the Legislature not later than May 10th, 1927.

With the following amendment.

Strike out all after second paragraph and substitute the following: "Therefore be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring that a committee of twelve, five on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House of Representatives, be appointed to fully investigate this most important matter with a view of finding ways and means of providing better and more educational opportunities to every white child in the State and report their findings and recommendations back to the legislature not later than May 10, 1927."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8 with the House Amendment thereto was placed before the Senate.

Mr. Hodges moved that the Senate do concur in the House amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

The motion prevailed and the House amendment to the Senate Resolution No. 8 was concurred in.

And the action of the Senate was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

And the resolution, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 20, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
Senate Bill No. 19:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the speedy publication and distribution of all General Laws enacted by the Legislature.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 10:

A bill to be entitled An Act to enable counties having a population of thirty thousand (30,000) inhabitants or more according to the 1925 census as certified by the Commissioner of Agriculture August 1, 1925, but less than sixty thousand (60,000) inhabitants according to said census to establish and maintain public hospitals, levy a tax and issue bonds therefor, for construction and maintenance of such hospitals, elect hospital trustees, maintain a training school for nurses, provide suitable means for the care of such hospitals and disabled persons.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 19 and 10, contained in the above message, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 20, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
Senate Bill No. 184:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 9, 10 and 140 of Chapter 8893, Acts of 1921, Laws of Florida, entitled, "An Act to abolish the present municipal government of the City of Lake City, in the County of Columbia, in the State of Florida, and to create, establish and organize a municipality to be known and designated as the City of Lake City, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its government, jurisdiction, powers, franchises and privileges."

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 184; contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 22:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2692 (1492) of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, relating to the challenge of jurors.

Also—

House Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled An Act forbidding the making, publishing, disseminating or circulating of any advertisement containing any untrue, deceptive, or misleading statement, asserting or representation by any person, firm, corporation or association relative to merchandise, securities, or personal service advertised for sale and providing the penalty therefor and providing when the said Act shall become effective.

Also—

House Bill No. 333:

A bill to be entitled An Act to define the territorial jurisdiction of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida; to create an additional Judicial Circuit to be known as the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and to define the territorial jurisdiction thereof; and to provide the time for holding terms of the Circuit Court in each of such Judicial Circuits, and to provide for a Circuit Judge and State's Attorney in the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 22, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

And House Bill No. 52, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary A.

And House Bill No. 333, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

Also—

The following message from the Senate was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 21, 1927.

*Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.*

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 190:

A bill to be entitled An Act permitting the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Dade, State of Florida, to issue Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$750,000.00) Dollars of bonds for the purpose of funding or refunding any debt or obligation incurred by said board in and about the repair of public school buildings in said county that were damaged by recent hurricanes, and for the restoration of the equipment contained in such school buildings, whether such debts or obligations are now due or are hereafter to become due; to determine the demonstrations, rate of interest and maturities of such bonds; to provide for the publication of a notice inviting bids for said bonds and to define a method governing the disposition of same; to arrange for the County Commissioners of said Dade County to levy an annual tax for the purpose of creating an interest and sinking fund for the payment of the interest on said bonds when due, and to retire the same at their maturity, and to arrange for the investment of said sinking fund.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 190, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 363:

A bill to be entitled An Act to divide Special Tax School District No. 8, Dixie County, Florida, otherwise known as Center Hill, into two convenient school districts; and to provide for the creation and establishment of Special Tax School District No. 7, otherwise known as Athens District, to define the boundaries of the said No. 7 district, providing for an election to be held in said district.

Also—

House Bill No. 368:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Chapter 10357 (No. 335) Laws of 1925 of the Special Acts of the Legislature of the State of Florida, relating to the catching and taking of fish in certain rivers, creeks, bayous, cut-offs, or inlets in Bay County, Florida, providing penalties for the violations thereof.

Also—

House Bill No. 369:

A bill to be entitled An Act to validate and confirm the elections and all the proceedings whereby were created and established the Twenty-four Special School Districts in Escambia County now in existence and numbered on the records of the Board of Public Instruction of Escambia County, from 1 to 24 inclusive, and to declare the said districts to have been legally established and created and to be now legally existing with boundaries as shown and defined on the records of the Board of Public Instruction of Escambia County; and to declare all elections and proceedings had and taken in and by said districts, subsequent to the creation of the same, to be as

valid as if this act had been enacted into law prior thereto.

Also—

House Bill No. 354:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the City of Verna, a municipal corporation in Manatee and Sarasota Counties, Florida, to issue and sell bonds in an amount not exceeding \$35,000.00 for the purpose of paying the outstanding indebtedness of said city; and for the purpose of erecting and equipping city buildings and jail and for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or otherwise land for such purpose and for the purpose of municipal parks, and to provide for the assessing of a tax on all taxable property in said city for the purpose of paying interest and creating a sinking fund for the final retirement of said bonds.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 363, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

And House Bill No. 368, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

And House Bill No. 369, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

And House Bill No. 354, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 225:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the City of Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, to collect license taxes upon any and all traveling shows, amusements, entertainments, carnivals, paid lecturers, etc., in any amount it deems expedient irrespective of the amount of the State license tax upon such traveling shows, amusements, entertainments, carnivals, paid lecturers, etc., or whether or not the State imposes a tax or license thereon.

Also—

House Bill No. 227:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize and empower the city council of the City of Arcadia to provide by ordinance for the collection of all taxes assessed by the City of Arcadia, in installments, either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or otherwise as it shall deem fit.

Also—

House Bill No. 281:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Fort Pierce Inlet District in St. Lucie County, Florida, to execute a bond in the penal sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to the United States to insure compliance with the conditions of permit for the construction and maintenance of Fort Pierce Inlet.

Also—

House Bill No. 247:

A bill to be entitled An Act amending the City Charter of the City of Ona, Florida, by allowing it to fix the value and millage on real and personal property for taxation and to foreclose by Bill in Chancery for delinquent city tax. And issue bonds for municipal improvements.

Also—

House Bill No. 309:

A bill to be entitled An Act to create certain territory in Holmes County, Florida, into a special road and bridge district; to authorize the survey, construction and building of a hard-surfaced road therein, culverts and bridges thereon, to provide for the issuance and sale of bonds to pay therefor and to provide for the redemption of said bonds; for the appointment of the Board of Trustees in relation thereto, to define their powers and duties, and to provide for certain duties of the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County, Florida, in relation to the payment of the interest on said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for their ultimate payment and to prescribe certain duties of the State Road Department, their powers and duties relating thereto, and for other purposes.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bills Nos. 225, 227, 277, 281, 247 and 309, contained in the above message, were read the first time by their titles in their respective order and were placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

The following message from the Senate was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 310:

A bill to be entitled An Act to create certain territory in Holmes County, Florida, into a Special Road and Bridge District; to authorize the building and construction of a hard-surfaced road therein, and to provide culverts and

bridges thereon; to provide for the issuance and sale of bonds to pay therefor by the Board of County Commissioners of said county, and to provide for the payment of interest upon said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund to meet the ultimate payment of said bonds, and to prescribe the duties and powers of said Board of County Commissioners in relation thereto, and to provide for a Board of Bond Trustees, their duties and powers; to prescribe certain duties of the State Road Department, their powers and duties in relation thereto; to ratify, validate and confirm all acts, duties and powers of public officers, their employees, and all manner of things had, held or done by the voters in said district in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 11543, Acts of the Extraordinary Session of the Legislature A. D. 1925, and for other purposes

House Bill No. 345:

A bill to be entitled An Act to authorize the Board of Public Instruction of Gilchrist County, Florida, to issue and sell not exceeding Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) in principal amount of interest bearing coupon bonds for, and on behalf of Trenton Special Tax School District Number One of said County; and to make provision for a sinking fund for the retirement of said bonds and the interest to become due thereon; to regulate the expenditure of the sum derived from the sale of said bonds and to provide for the validation of said bonds, and to provide a referendum hereto.

House Bill No. 350:

A bill to be entitled An Act validating and confirming proceedings of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, and its officers in regard to the doing of certain street improvements, letting of contract, assessment for the cost thereof and providing for the issuance of additional bonds in the sum of \$72,000 for the purpose of paying for the remainder of the cost of said street improvement, and providing how said bonds shall be paid.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 310, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

And House Bill No. 345, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

And House Bill No. 350, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Florida, April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 385:

A bill to be entitled An Act creating and constituting a Special Road and Bridge District in Palm Beach County, Florida, known and designated as the Pahokee-Palm Beach County Road and Bridge District providing for a Board of Supervisors of said District authorizing the construction of roads and bridges in said district and providing for a Board of Supervisors to enter into contracts therefor; authorizing and making provision for levy and collection of a tax for maintenance of such roads and bridges and to pay any bond issue of such road and bridge district; authorizing the issuance of bonds; and relating to the powers and duties of said road and bridge district and said supervisors of said road and bridge district.

Also—

House Bill No. 392:

A bill to be entitled An Act amending Chapter 7976 of the Special Acts of 1919, being "An Act to create and incorporate a Special Taxing District in Brevard and St.

Lucie Counties, Florida, to be known and designated as Sebastian Inlet District; prescribing the boundaries thereof; to provide for the government and administration of said district; to define the powers and purposes thereof; to authorize said Board to construct and maintain an Inlet in said District to connect the waters of the Atlantic Ocean with the waters of the Indian River; to construct all other works necessary or proper in connection with said Inlet; to provide for the acquiring and condemnation of any property needed for district purposes; to empower the Board of Commissioners of said district to levy and collect taxes for district purposes; to authorize said Board to borrow money and issue and sell bonds to procure money to carry out the provisions of this Act; to provide for the election of said Commissioners and an election to determine whether bonds of the district shall be issued; to prevent injury to any works constructed under this Act, and prescribing penalties therefor; and generally to provide for the construction and maintenance of an Inlet in said district to connect the waters of the Atlantic Ocean with the waters of the Indian River."

Also—

House Bill No. 393:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing, ratifying, approving and confirming all acts and proceedings of the town of Palm Bay in Brevard County, Florida, and its officials in relation to the issuance of bonds of the town of Palm Bay in Brevard County, Florida, in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of paying the town's portion of the costs of opening, widening and paving certain streets of said Town of Palm Bay in Brevard County, Florida, authorizing, ratifying, validating, approving and confirming certain ordinances and resolutions of the Town of Palm Bay in Brevard County, Florida; authorizing, ratifying, validating, approving and confirming the bonds of the said Town of Palm Bay in Brevard County, Florida, in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of paying the town's portion of the cost of opening, widening and paving certain streets of the Town of Palm Bay issued in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 11040, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1925.

Also—

House Bill No. 396:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 9469 of the Laws of Florida as amended by Chapter 10640 of the Acts of 1925, relating to probation officer and assistant probation officers of Hillsborough County.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 385, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

And House Bill No. 392, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was referred to the Committee on Drainage.

And House Bill No. 393, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

And House Bill No. 396, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

Also—

The following message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 21, 1927.

Hon. S. W. Anderson,
President of the Senate.

Sir:

I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 351:

A bill to be entitled An Act validating and confirming proceedings of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, and its officers in regard to the doing of certain street improvements, letting of contract, assessment for the cost thereof and providing for the issuance of additional bonds in the sum of \$46,000 for the purpose of paying for the

remainder of the cost of said street improvement, and providing how said bonds shall be paid.

Also—

House Bill No. 352:

A bill to be entitled An Act authorizing the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, to issue bonds in the sum of \$54,000 for the purpose of paying for municipal expense incurred in draining, preserving and paving municipal lakes shores, parkways and public grounds in the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, and providing how said bonds shall be paid.

Also—

House Bill No. 353:

A bill to be entitled An Act validating and confirming proceedings of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, and its officers in regard to the doing of certain sanitary sewer improvements, letting of contract, assessing for the cost thereof, and validating, confirming, legalizing and approving said assessments, and providing for the issuance of sewer improvement bonds for the purpose of paying for the cost of said improvement, and providing how said bonds shall be paid.

Also—

House Bill No. 355:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 74, 75, and 94, of Chapter 11262 of the Laws of Florida, Regular Session of 1925, being An Act entitled "An Act to abolish the present municipality of the City of Vero, in St. Lucie County, Florida; to create and establish a new municipality to be known as City of Vero Beach, in St. Lucie County, Florida; to legalize and validate the ordinances of said City of Vero and official acts thereunder, and to adopt the same as the ordinances of said City of Vero Beach; to prescribe the time within which suits shall be brought against said city and for notice thereof; to fix and provide the territorial limits, jurisdiction and powers of said City of Vero Beach, in St. Lucie County, Florida, and the jurisdiction and powers of its officers," approved May 19, 1925.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

FRANK WEBB,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 351, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

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And House Bill No. 355, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and was placed on the Calendar of Local Bills on the Second Reading.

The hour of 11:30 o'clock A. M. having arrived, being the special hour designated for the presentation to the Senate of the picture of the Hon. W. Hunt Harris, President of the Senate for the session of 1907.

Senator Malone, of the 24th Senatorial District, arose and paying a glowing and merited tribute to the former President of the Senate as a legislator, presiding officer, a citizen of the State and a man, beloved by all who came in contact with him, admired by all Florida as a constructive force, presented the picture to the body.

The President of the Senate received it and, while the Senate stood in honor of its departed President, displayed it and tenderly placed it temporarily upon the President's desk, that not only all Senators present, but all visitors to the Senate chamber should be enabled to view it until permanently placed.

Senator Gillis, of the 3rd Senatorial District, on behalf of the Senate, received the gift, paying a glowing tribute to the departed President, legislator and jurist.

Senator Watson, of the 13th Senatorial District, then arose and paid the following tribute to his memory:

Mr. President:

It is indeed fitting and appropriate that the portrait of the late Senator Hunt Harris should adorn the walls of

this chamber. He served as a member of the Senate several sessions, and was selected as President of the body one session, where he served with great honor to himself and the State.

I first met Hunt Harris many years ago—some 25 or 30 years—both of us serving as a member of the House of Representatives, and it was there that I learned to know and to love him. Often did I ask his advice about legislative matters and he was always ready and anxious to assist me in every way.

Mr. President, a more faithful and honorable man it has never been my privilege to know. Notwithstanding the fact that he lived all his life in Key West, a city on an island some 60 miles from the mainland of Florida, he loved and worked for the entire State, ever ready to do all in his power to advance Florida's every interest, and he was one of the best-informed men concerning State affairs I have ever met. His conception of a true representative, was service, and for the good of the people. Sincerely entertaining these views, he earnestly labored to be useful to his constituents in every way.

As a legislator, his chief outstanding quality was his honesty of purpose and determination to do the right thing to his fellow man. He loved humanity and gave the best he had to its cause. His sturdy, rugged honesty and achievements may well stand as an example of hope and encouragement to his posterity. He commanded and received the friendship and respect of those with whom he served, and in his passing an able legislator and a good citizen has gone from us.

Let us hope, Mr. President, that this magnificent portrait of Hunt Harris, hanging upon the walls of this Chamber, will be an incentive to us, and all future State Senators, to follow his example of fair and square dealings in all legislative matters and debates upon this floor.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THE THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 80:

A bill to be entitled An Act to provide for the right of seizure and sale of personal property upon default or breach of the conditions, stipulations, and covenants of a chattel mortgage.

Was taken up in its order and was read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Cobb, Edge, Gillis, Glynn, Knight, McCall, Mitchell, Overstreet, Parrish, Swearingen, Taylor (11th Dist.), Taylor (31st Dist.), Turner, Wagg—14.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Caro, Dell, Gary, Harrison, Hinely, Hodges, Malone, Phillips, Putnam, Rowe, Seales, Singletary, Smith, Stewart, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Waybright, Whitaker—20.

So the bill failed to pass.

Senate Bill No. 60:

A bill to be entitled An Act to prohibit the vending, selling or offering for sale of any fruits, vegetables, products, goods, wares or personal property of any kind upon any of the State or County Highways within the State of Florida; and provided penalties for violation thereof.

Was taken up in its order and was read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Senators Caro, Dell, Gary, Glynn, Harrison, Hodges, Knight, McCall, Malone, Mitchell, Overstreet, Phillips, Rowe, Seales, Stewart, Swearingen, Turnbull, Wagg, Waybright, Whitaker—20.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Cobb, Edge, Etheredge, Gillis, Hinely, Parrish, Putnam, Singletary, Smith, Taylor (11th Dist.), Taylor (31st Dist.), Turner, Walker, Watson—15.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives under the rule.

Senate Bill No. 34:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 3813 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Was taken up in its order and was read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President: Senators Gillis, Glynn, Knight, McCall, Overstreet, Rowe, Scales, Singletary, Stewart, Swearingen, Taylor (11th Dist.), Taylor (31st Dist.)—13.

Nays—Senators Caro, Cobb, Dell, Edge, Etheredge, Gary, Harrison, Hinely, Hodges, Malone, Mitchell, Parrish, Phillips, Putnam, Smith, Turnbull, Turner, Wagg, Walker, Watson, Waybright, Whitaker—22.

So the bill failed to pass.

Senate Bill No. 57:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 2619 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, relating to the entry of defaults by the Clerk of the Court upon rule day.

Was taken up in its order and was read the third time in full.

Upon passage of Senate Bill No. 57, the roll was called and the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Caro, Cobb, Dell, Etheredge, Gary, Harrison, Hinely, Hodges, Jennings, Knight, Malone, Mitchell, Overstreet, Parrish, Phillips, Putnam, Rowe, Scales, Singletary, Smith, Stewart, Taylor (11th Dist.), Turnbull, Turner, Wagg, Walker, Watson, Whitaker—29.

Nays—Senators Gillis and Swearingen—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

And the same was ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives under the rule.

House Bill No. 81 was taken up in its order and the further consideration was temporarily passed over.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By permission Senator Harrison introduced—

Senate Bill No. 226:

A bill to be entitled An Act to declare and determine a principal of classification for the apportionment and distribution of school funds to the counties under the provisions of Section 9 of Article XII of the Constitution of Florida, as amended at the general election of 1926.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By permission—

Senator Gary introduced—

Senate Bill No. 227:

A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Section 1564 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, relating to withdrawal of County funds from depositories.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary B.

By permission—

Senator Hincly introduced—

Senate Bill No. 228:

A bill to be entitled An Act granting a pension to Madison Bailey, of Suwannee County, Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS ON THE SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 5:

A bill to be entitled An Act amending Sections 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Chapter 10028, Acts of 1925, Laws of Florida, relating to Building and Loan Associations.

Was taken up in its order and read the second time.

Mr. Phillips moved to waive the rules and that the bill be left on second reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Mitchell moved that the time for adjournment for today be extended ten minutes.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Phillips moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 5 remain on its second reading for further consideration.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Etheredge moved that the time for adjournment be extended to 1:25 o'clock P. M.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Taylor (11th Dist.) moved that when the Senate adjourns today it shall take a recess until three o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering Local Bills only.

Pending the consideration of which—

Mr. Malone moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was agreed to.

Whereupon the Senate was declared adjourned to 11.00 o'clock A. M., Friday, April 22, 1927.